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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I

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1. IN LIGHT OF GSL REQUEST TO SHIP TITLE I WHEAT FLOUR DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE SUPPLY PERIOD OF THE APRIL 9, 1976 TITLE I AGREEMENT TO COVER THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER OF JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

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2. THEREFORE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO AMEND THE PL 480

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TITLE I AGREEMENT WITH FOLLOWING TEXT NOTE: TO BE EXCHANGED WITH THE GSL: BEGIN TEXT NOTE: (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED) EXCELLENCY HAVE HONOR TO REFER TO PL 480 TITLE I AGRICULTURAL SALES AGREEMENT SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON APRIL 9, 1976 AND PROPOSE THAT AGREEMENT BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: (A) IN PART II -- ITEM ONE -- COMMODITY TABLE UNDER COLUMN ENTITLED SUPPLY PERIOD DELETE "1976" AND INSERT "FISCAL YEAR 1976 PLUS JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976"; (B) IN PART II -- ITEM 3 -- USUAL MARKETING TABLE; UNDER EXPORT COLUMN DELETE "1976" AND INSERT "FISCAL YEAR 1976 PLUS JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976"; AND (C) IN PART II -- ITEM 4

-- EXPORT LIMITATION -- AFTER -- FISCAL YEAR 1976 INSERT "JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976" ----. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE APRIL 9, 1976 AGREEMENT REMAIN THE SAME. PROPOSE THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY CONCURRING THEREIN CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTIVE DATE YOUR NOTE IS RECEIVED IN REPLY. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, ETC., AND TEXT NOTE.

3. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE NOTES IMMEDIATELY WITH THE GSL, PROVIDED WASHINGTON RECEIVES 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE OF SCHEDULE EXCHANGE. IMMEIDATELY AFTER NOTES ARE EXCHANGED NOTIFY WASHINGTON BY IMMEDIATE UNCLASSIFIED CABLE MARK AIDAC AND PASS AGRICULTURE AND FORWARD DOCUMENT PER 11 FAM 723.7.

4. FOOD COMMISSIONER HAS REQUESTED USDA, VIA GOSL EMBASSY, TO APPROVE TENDER IMMEDIATE FOR ISSUANCE APRIL 26 CALLING FOR DELIVERIES FAS US PORTS 20,000 MT JUNE, 40,000 MT JULY AND 40,000 AUGUST. TERMS OF TENDER APPEAR TO CALL FOR BIDS TO REMAIN FIRM FOR FIVE (5) DAYS. THIS REQUIREMENT IS RISKY AND COSTLY TO BIDDERS AND WOULD TEND TO REDUCE NUMBER OF BIDDERS. STRONGLY SUGGEST FOOD COMMISSIONER NARROW THIS TIME FOR BIDS TO REMAIN FIRM TO 48 HOURS OR LESS TO ENCOURAGE MORE BIDS AND COMPETITION.

5. TO AVOID CONFUSION AND MASSIVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT SUCH AS OCCUR UNDER LAST YEAR PL 480 TENDER, FOOD COMMISSIONER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD PROVIDE IN FLOUR TENDER FOR CONTRACT DELIVERY OF SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DATES TO ALLOW VESSELS TO LOAD AT CUSTOMARY LOADING RATES (USUALLY 1,000 MT PER DAY) TO COMPLETE LOADING WITHIN COMMODITY CONTRACT DELIVERIES PERIOD. VESSEL LAY DAYS MUST BE WITHIN FLOUR CONTRACT DELIVERY PERIOD AND LAY DAY CANCELLING DATE SHOULD BE ABOUT TEN DAYS PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF FLOUR CONTRACT DELIVERY PERIOD.

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6. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN RELAYING CONTENTS PARAS 4 AND 5
TO FOOD COMMISSIONER WILL BE APPRECIATED. SISCO

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